

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

High fees and high taxes have already caused me to close down my 3 small businesses. Most farmers and small business owners, seniors, low income, and disabled people have the same problem...high taxes and high fees for all of our basic services. Even the gas bill to keep us from freezing in winter has doubled, not for the gas, but due to service fees. How can we afford to LIVE, much less stay in businesses that have supported our families for years and provided services to our small towns and neighborhoods?

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

My mother is disabled and has to have a cel phone she can carry on her person around the house or yard. It is her lifeline to safety and emergency services. I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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